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he'd like personally for me to do for him in reference to some of his wants and then the next day go take an outstate Senator in the hand and ask him to do something that the rest of us in the Douglas County delegation are unfamiliar with and I just don't operate that way.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Goodrich.

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SENATOR GOODRICH: Would Senator Carpenter yield to a question?

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter, will you yield to a question? Senator Goodrich wants to ask you a question.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Senator Carpenter, from Senator Skarda's comments, it would indicate that the Mayor of Omaha had requested this. Is that true, did he request you to do this or not?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Of course he didn't request—I told him on the streets of Lincoln about two weeks ago that I didn't like what he's trying to do and I didn't think he ought to go ahead with it until he had legal advice from the State authority whether he could do it or not. He called me after they made the motion, as a result of your telephone call to the Mayor of Omaha, is that right? You had him on the phone one minute after the motion was killed and I can understand that and I have no objection to it and now they say the Mayor of Omaha was not consulted in my case. I went to a number of places in state governments, alerting them to the possibility of what I thought could happen. I got no response from anybody so in that case I took it on myself because it not only applies to Omaha, it could apply to everybody because what they're doing is out of the same section in which the non-profit corporations such as Aksarben are authorized, now I'm not on Aksarben's back but that's where they got their authority and this is a broad statement of principle that you can't do in my judgment in any case, but I don't want them to start doing it and get their foot in the air and find out they can't.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: All right, now, I'd like to have the floor for a moment. The proposal that Senator Carpenter is referring to is a 31 story office building that is going to be built on the present site between 16th and 17th Street on the north side of Farnam which is presently occupied by the Omaha National Bank, the U.S. National Bank, these are the old buildings that they have subsequently moved out of and the Schmoller-Mueller property around 16th Street. The property will be located on this half block of ground and the ground itself and the parking facility for 419 cars are going to be deeded for the approximate cost, including demolition work and construction of these parking stalls for \$5,200,000 approximately. This amount of the total cost will be owned by a non profit corporation which, in turn, will have tax exempt status on it on just the ground and the parking facility and the reason for creating a tax exempt status on this portion of it is to make the entire project feasible, financially feasible so that we can get it built. The balance of the building itself, the building proper and the two floors of building underneath the parking will be on the tax rolls and it will produce \$253,000 per year to the taxing bodies of Douglas